

**MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT  
BERRY'S CREEK STUDY AREA (BCSA)  
SUPERFUND SITE  
HACKENSACK MEADOWLANDS, NEW JERSEY**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 39 of the AOC for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) (May 8, 2008) for the Berry's Creek Study Area (BCSA) Superfund Site, this Monthly Progress Report (MPR) was prepared for submission to the USEPA and NJDEP. The reporting in this MPR tracks the tasks in Appendix B - Statement of Work (SOW) of the RI/FS AOC.

### **I. ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2016**

#### **A. Access**

- No access requirements were identified in October 2016.

#### **B. Remedial Investigation (RI) Activities**

- The updated draft Remedial Investigation (RI) report incorporating the risk assessment findings in the Executive Summary and Section 7, along with the draft USEPA Comment Response Summary appendix (Appendix A), were submitted to the EPA on October 26, 2016.

#### **C. Modeling Activities**

- No RI modeling activities took place in October 2016.

#### **D. Feasibility Study (FS) Activities**

- The Project Coordinator in coordination with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager continued tracking potential flood mitigation work by NJDEP Rebuild by Design staff and their contractor.
- Work on the draft FS is continuing by the BCSA Group and its consultant team.
- Preparation of the Treatability Study/Pilot Study Report is continuing by the BCSA consultant team.

#### **E. USEPA Coordination and Oversight**

- The Project Coordinator for the BCSA Group regularly communicates with the USEPA Remedial Project Manager (RPM) on the coordination of project activities.
- The BCSA Group presented the risk assessment findings to the EPA and other agencies (NJDEP, NOAA, USFWS) on October 6, 2016.
- The BCSA Group met with EPA to discuss community outreach planning on October 11, 2016.

## **II. DATA RECEIVED OR GENERATED DURING THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

- Some of the baseline data for surface water and fish tissue were received in October 2016 and were posted on the USEPA unvalidated data website.
- Validation activities for the 2016 baseline monitoring data are ongoing.

## **III. DESCRIPTION OF WORK PLANNED FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS**

### **• RI/FS Activities:**

- The BCSA Group will respond to USEPA comments on the draft RI/FS Work Plan Addendum and submit a final document to the agency.
- The BCSA Group will respond to USEPA questions or comments on the response to USEPA comments on the DSRAM.
- The Project Coordinator will assist Remedial Project Manager (RPM) with any questions or clarifications needed by EPA with regard to review of the RI Report.
- The Project Coordinator in coordination with the USEPA RPM will continue tracking potential flood mitigation work by NJDEP Rebuild by Design staff and their contractor.
- The BCSA Group will provide support to the USEPA on community relations as needed.
- The Project Coordinator will conduct a tour of the BCSA study area for the community relations coordinator and other EPA staff interested in a site visit.

### **• Treatability Study/Pilot Study (TS/PS):**

- Analysis of the physical, chemical and biological 2015 PS data will continue along with preparation of a report on the TS/PS findings.

### **• Feasibility Study**

- Preparation of the detailed analysis of remedial alternatives will continue, along with preparation of the draft FS.

## **IV. SCHEDULING, SCHEDULING ISSUES, AND SOLUTIONS**

- A revised schedule was submitted to USEPA on October 20, 2016, based on a request from USEPA to make modifications indicated in the transmittal letter to the RPM. This revised schedule is part of the RI/FS Work Plan Addendum that was submitted to USEPA on September 12, 2016.
- No schedule-related issues arose in October 2016.